

# Walter J. Johnson

## WALTER JOHNSON ILL, MAY HAVE TO STAY IN CHICAGO

Confined to His Bed With a High Fever and Likely to Be Out of Game for a Week or More.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Walter Johnson, the star of the Washington pitching staff, may not be able to leave his room tonight with the team for St. Louis unless he is feeling much better than he was last night. He was confined to his bed and under the care of a doctor at the Great Northern Hotel, with a fever that was up as high as 105 degrees at one time. James McAlleer is worried over the outcome of the big pitcher's illness, which may result in Johnson's absence from the game for a week or more. The malaria that got into his system in the south, coupled with a bad cold, has forced the Idaho wonder to his bed. With Hughes out of commission and Walker also suffering with a sore arm, the Washington team is in a very bad way. The injury that Almsmith suffered in the first game here left McAlleer with only one catcher, and Henry had a very narrow escape from serious injury yesterday when he was hit by a foul tip and laid out for several minutes on the ground.

If Henry had been put out of commission McAlleer would have been forced to scratch around and pick up a local man or to send for Street to join the team here instead of in Cleveland next week. Fortunately, however, Henry escaped with only a slight hurt.

McAlleer is keeping a sharp lookout for new pitchers. The deteriorated condition of his staff makes it necessary for him to get some help from some source or other, or else he will have to make a present trip. None of the other clubs in the league seems anxious to get rid of any pitcher, so Manager McAlleer is looking over the minor league field.

The final clash between the Sox and Nationals will take place today at the South Side Park, and the Nationals will leave for St. Louis to take up the battle with the Browns, while the Athletics come here to engage the White Sox. The coming of the world's champions tomorrow will bring out another record-breaking crowd, and the weather keeps clear. The advance sale for the opening clash with the champions is now much larger than that of the first game here when the crowd was the largest ever in the park.

The fact that it was ladies' day at Comiskey Park yesterday was blamed by the White Sox for their defeat. For some reason, another local locality has been hoodooed when ladies were admitted free to the games in the past, and it seems that the hoodoo is working again.

The big stand was half filled with women yesterday and all of them left for the South Side Park, and the Nationals were their favorites received and each one was blaming herself for being the hoodoo. The ladies will like to see the Sox have the chance to do the pitching for the Sox in the game today, and Bill Otey will look as if he would be the man to do it. The Sox have a chance to win the game, but his arm was pretty sore yesterday, and he would be better off to look as if he would be ready for a battle today.

Amby McConnell turned his ankle when he went out into short right yesterday after Elbert's fly in the eighth and for a while he looked as if he would be out of the game for some time. He thought that the ankle was much worse than it was and some doctors had said that he would be out of the game for some time. He was let down on the ground and found that it was not as bad as he first thought, so he limped back with the aid of Trainer Buckner to the bench.

The Waseda University team of Japan watched the contest at the big park and enjoyed the game very much. The yellow peril were very much interested in the game after the game by President O'Neill of the Western League. They spent quite a while looking at the game and President Comiskey and looked over all the pictures of base ball celebrities that adorned the walls of the clubhouse. They were wise to all the famous players of the past.

President Comiskey was absent in New York, or he would undoubtedly have had a long visit with the little fellows and given them many pointers on playing the game in big league style. The use of the cork-centered ball by big leagues this year has changed the game. The cork-centered ball has been used since the adoption of the four strike rule several years ago. The cork-centered ball has increased in every game through the season, and the long hits that are being made daily are giving the game so much more life that the fans are enjoying the contests more than they have ever enjoyed them since the sport became a national pastime. That is, the cork-centered ball suffers more than it ever has, for the batters are able to drive the ball so much more than the infielders are unable to cover as much territory as they used to. Instead of trying to find some way to increase the number of hits, the question is how to reduce some of the hitting. Last winter some of the base ball writers were talking about the fact that the cork-centered ball was not as perfect as it is this year, and many of the spheres had to be thrown away a hundred or twice before they got lopped. There has been no complaint this spring, however, because the cork-centered ball has solved the problem of making the ball perfect, but much livelier.

The manufacturers have changed the game where the rule makers were powerless to do so. The two big leagues are looking for a change in the rules, but no changes can be made in the rules of the game if the joint rules committee does not agree on the change. Scores of suggestions have been made in the last two years to the rule makers, but no new rules have been adopted because one league or the other was opposed to each suggestion. By simply making a slight change in the material used in the manufacture of the ball the manufacturers have done what it was impossible to do by way of rules.

The present series between the White Sox and the Senators is a good example of the way the lively ball has changed the game. Terrific hitting has been the case in each of the three games played. More home runs have been made in the series here than were made all last season at Comiskey Park.

Every day two or three triples and several two-baggers are made by players who seldom got anything better than a single last summer. Good pitchers have been scarce after this, according to the statements of the past, for a ball that is hit no harder now than it used to be will travel nearly twice as far and go for a hit nearly twice as often. The game will be much more uncertain, also, because any batter is likely to slam out a long hit that will score a run or two at any time, while before that same player was lucky to get a single. Fast outfielders will be at a premium, for they will need to cover much more territory. The Nationals have made twenty-seven hits so far in the series against the Sox, which is an average of over eight to the game. This was considered good hitting in the days of the slow ball. The Sox have made forty-nine hits in the same three games, or nearly twice

as many as the visitors. The fans are beginning to realize what it all means for the sport. They are enjoying the games more than they used to because it is taking much longer to play them on account of the increased hitting.

Following is the score of yesterday's game:

CHICAGO	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McConnell, 2b.	4	0	0	0	2	1
Tamm, 1b.	4	0	0	0	1	1
McAlleer, cf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
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Bodie, rf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Collins, lf.	3	2	1	1	0	0
Porter, ss.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Black, c.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Olmstead, p.	3	0	1	0	0	0
"White" Zeider	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	5	9	27	17	2

WASHINGTON.

AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Milan, 1b.	4	2	1	0	0
Conroy, cf.	4	0	0	0	1
Elbert, 2b.	4	0	0	0	1
Gresler, rf.	4	0	0	0	1
Cunningham, lf.	4	0	0	0	1
McBride, ss.	4	0	0	0	1
Gray, p.	3	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	8	27	20

Run for Block in the ninth inning. Chicago, 5; Washington, 6. Three-base hits—Collins, Lelievre. Sacrifice hits—Conroy, McAlleer, Stoen bases—Henry, Elbert, Lord. Double play—McBride to Cunningham on a wild pitch, and in the seventh by Gray, 2b. by Gray, 2b. Placed ball—Henry, Umpire—J. Sheridan. Time of game—2 hours and 8 minutes.

Other American League Games.

**Cobb's Wildness Wins.**  
DETROIT, May 12.—Tyrus Cobb, running wild on the bases, made it possible for Detroit to defeat New York, 6 to 5, yesterday. He scored from first on Crawford's short single to right, from second on a wild pitch, and in the seventh inning stole home with the winning run while Sweeney was arguing with Umpire Egan.

Hartzel was spiked in the knee by Cobb in the third and had to retire. Score:

DETROIT.....10 0 0 0 2 3 0—6  
NEW YORK.....4 0 1 0 0 0 0—5

**Thirty Runs in This Game.**

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Philadelphia defeated St. Louis yesterday in a slugfesting match, 17 to 13. Each team used three pitchers. Score:

PHILADELPHIA.....4 0 7 1 2 1 0—17  
ST. LOUIS.....2 1 0 0 2 3 5—13

**Base Bats Out Victory.**

CLEVELAND, May 12.—After pitching invincible ball for five innings yesterday, Cleveland weakened, and Boston made enough hits to win the game. The final score was 6 to 2. Jackson's abandoned running catch was the feature play.

Score:

BOSTON.....0 0 0 0 3 3 0—6  
CLEVELAND.....1 0 0 0 1 0 0—2

**STANDING, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES.**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.	
Detroit	22	4	.846	852	815
Boston	14	10	.583	691	540
Philadelphia	12	9	.571	591	545
New York	11	10	.522	478	522
Chicago	11	11	.500	522	478
Washington	9	12	.429	455	490
Cleveland	9	17	.346	370	333
St. Louis	5	19	.208	240	200

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.	
Philadelphia	19	6	.760	769	717
Pittsburgh	14	9	.609	625	563
New York	14	9	.609	625	563
Cincinnati	11	8	.579	600	550
Chicago	13	11	.542	560	520
St. Louis	7	13	.350	391	330
Boston	8	18	.307	333	296
Brooklyn	6	18	.250	280	240

**Yesterday's Results.**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**

Team	Score
Washington	6 Detroit
Chicago	5 New York
Boston	6 Philadelphia
Cleveland	17 St. Louis

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Team	Score
Chicago	8 St. Louis
New York	3 Brooklyn
Philadelphia	3 Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	8 Boston

**Schedules.**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**

Today	Tomorrow
Washington at Chicago	Washington at St. Louis
Philadelphia at St. Louis	Philadelphia at Chicago
Boston at Detroit	Boston at Detroit

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Today	Tomorrow
Chicago at Brooklyn	No game scheduled.
Pittsburgh at Boston	No game scheduled.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia	No game scheduled.

**MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.**

At	Score
Indianapolis-Indianapolis	3, Toledo, 7.
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**CAROLINA ASSOCIATION.**

At	Score
Anderson-Anderson	2, Winston-Salem, 4.
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**VIRGINIA STATE LEAGUE.**

At	Score
Richmond-Petersburg	4, Richmond, 4.
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**COLLEGE GAMES.**

At Newberry-Furman College, 3; Newberry College, 2. At Atlanta-Georgia Tech, 2; University of Georgia, 1.

At Montreal-Montreal, 3; Jersey City, 2. At Rochester-Rochester, 3; Buffalo, 7. At Buffalo-Buffalo, 6; Providence, 3. At Trenton-Trenton, 6; Newark, 3.

At Reading-Reading, 3; Harrisburg, 3. At Wilmington-Albany, 4; Wilmington, 3. At York-Lancaster, 8; York, 4. At Trenton-Johnston, 16; Trenton, 9.

Young Weaver of the Chicago Cubs had not been seen on for twenty-three innings until the Cincinnati Reds touched him up for three runs in last Saturday's game.

## BROKE NATIONALS' LOSING STREAK.



"DOLLY" GRAY.

## PERTINENT COMMENT ON HAPPENINGS IN SPORTDOM

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Base ball has developed many brilliant players during the past forty years, but none the equal of Ty Cobb. No other player ever made his individuality so much a part of the game as does the Georgia Peach. No one player ever was responsible, offensively speaking, of as many victories by his personal efforts as this same Cobb. Accuse him of being vain, self-loved or what not, but you can't get away from the fact that he is the most marvelous player the game has ever produced. What other player was there with his ability, and where has there been a player with such limitless spirit and pluck. Some players are brilliant on certain days, but Cobb is always so, even when the game is at the head of the National League. His performance in Detroit against the New York team yesterday, when he was personally responsible for five of the six runs his team scored, and among other feats stole home while the catcher was holding the ball, will go down in base ball history as the greatest achievement of a player has ever been credited with.

President Tom Lynch will have an opportunity during the next few days to prove that he has the courage of his convictions, and that he is the right man to be at the head of the National League. The suspension of Manager Doolin by Lynch is sure to raise a row, because the manager has been a good one, and has had many opportunities lately to break into the limelight, is going to kick up some dust. The fact that he has been suspended is a tribute to the deal which Manager Doolin made last fall, whereby he secured the services of the National League. It is necessary to say that these two teams are the best of the National League. The Phillies will try to demonstrate that a mistake was made when the trade was pulled off, while the best that the Moses men could do was to land safely four times on Ogle. Keane, who played third for the Hotel team, led the game with the stick, getting three singles out of four trips to the plate. Hendricks of the same club was next with two hits out of four times winning, 8 to 1.

In the last four games the Nationals have played they have scored twenty-five runs, which is decidedly more than the team has scored in any four games in many years. Ordinarily such hitting would bring victory in every instance, but the Nationals have been unable to do so to break even. This is because of the miserable condition of the pitching staff. There does not appear to be any relief in sight, either, for with Walter Johnson ill, Hughes at home and none of the other twirlers showing good form there is great danger of a long losing streak until this state of affairs improves.

Suggestion from the fans are coming in bunches. One would have McAlleer escape Reulbach and Pfeister, on whom the Cubs have asked in any four games, is overlooked that the National League clubs must waive on these players before they can be traded. The fact is that the National League clubs must waive on these players before they can be traded. The fact is that the National League clubs must waive on these players before they can be traded.

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## MCCLUNG WINS SET

Beats Grosvenor Out, 8 to 6, in Yesterday's Play-Off.

LADIES' DOUBLES FAST

Work of Miss Chew One of Biggest

Features of the Tournament.

Although splendid tennis weather prevailed, for some reason or other the closed championship tennis tournament of the Chevy Chase Club was at a standstill yesterday afternoon, but few matches were decided.

Much interest was centered in the McClung-Grosvenor match in the final round of the scratch event in the men's singles, which had been called on account of darkness Thursday evening, and which was completed yesterday afternoon. When the match was stopped McClung had the advantage, 4-1, 12-10, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-4, and all that was necessary for him to do yesterday was to take two more games, which he did, capturing the last set and with it the match, 8-6.

Both men showed up well in yesterday's match, the game being close ones. It was speed against accuracy, and accuracy won, although it must be said that McClung did have some speed, and that was one of the reasons for his victory.

There was the fast work on several occasions. Throughout the match Grosvenor used speedy chop drive, but McClung, though his returns were slow, placed them cleverly and usually took the point. During the match Grosvenor hit the first two most balls, and his hard drives flew out or netted often than they reached their goal. The former was not so much as the latter, and if he continues to play to the form he has been showing he should be able to give Grosvenor a better fight.

Ladies' Doubles Good

Aside from the McClung-Grosvenor match, the battle between the Misses Greble (minus 15) and Miss MacMurray and Mrs. Stead (plus 15) in the semi-final round of the women's doubles was the most interesting of the day.

The Greble pair won the first two sets, 6-4 and 6-2, and 7-5. The Greble pair put up an unusually good game, but their opponents would not be denied, and after trying their best to get the match won, they were finally defeated, 8-6, 6-2, and 7-5.

Throughout the tournament the splendid play of Misses Greble and MacMurray has attracted little attention. In her match yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Bell, in the semi-final, she won the match in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-0. In her match with Mrs. Stead, she won the match in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

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